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2. The variety and quality of medicines produced in Czechoslovakia is very poor. Czechoslovak surgeons and doctors believe that patients would be much better off if they were not given home-produced medicines. Imported medicines are of a much better quality. For instance, French and Danish penicillin is very-effective and can be used in smaller doses than Czechoslovak penicillin. At least twice as much Czechoslovak penicillin is needed to cure a patient as that of foreign make.
3. Streptomycin is very scarce and is given only to children suffering from tuberculosis. The only adults allowed to take this drug are those suffering from meningitis. Aureomycin of American and Swiss production is almost unobtainable. In the rare cases it is recommended for use, the approval not only of the medical but also of the political authorities is required; in such cases, aureomycin is provided by the Central Board of Medicaments.
4. Vitamin C was not available last spring, the time it was most needed. Other medicines are available for a time and then become scarce for a long period. This is due to the fact that occasionally stocks of rare medicines are discovered in some hospital or storage place. It is not due to any increased production or imports. The distribution of medicines is very bad and it is hard to tell where they can be obtained.
5. The permanent lack of sulfonamides makes it very difficult of physicians to cure infectious diseases. Swiss or American 'Campolon' for curing anaemic diseases does not exist and has not been available for several years. Scarce also are medicines used in operations. Disinfectants on the market are of a poor quality and special DDT-type powders are unobtainable. Clothes of persons with infectious diseases cannot be disinfected while they are at the hospital. The clothes are only stored for them and handed over when they leave the hospital.

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6. Surgical wards and operating theatres have been without new instruments for a number of years. Hypodermic needles and needles for sewing up cuts during operations are scarce; the old ones have to be used until they break. At the Jihlava Hospital, adhesive tape was unavailable for two months last summer,

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7. The director of the Jihlava Hospital is Dr Milos Janacek who is also head of the Orthopedic ward.

8. The Deputy Director at the Jihlava hospital is Dr Rudolf Misch

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9. Dr Pavel Svecik, head of the children's

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11. The administrative director at the Jihlava Hospital is (fnu) Marik.

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12. The hospital even has an active STP (State Secret Police) agent, a gardener by the name of (fnu) Vondrak

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13. The medical official of the Regional National Committee in Jihlava, Mrs Cadanova, has tried several times to persuade the sister-nurses to quit their order. She promised them rewards and salaries as high as 5,000 Crowns a month each, as well as civilian clothing if they would take her advice.

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